

House Study Bill 507 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SMITH)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act to allow therapeutically certified optometrists to
- 2 supply therapeutic contact lenses.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 154.1, subsection 4, Code 2009, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. a. Therapeutically certified optometrists may employ
4 all diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents for the
5 purpose of diagnosis and treatment of conditions of the human
6 eye and adnexa pursuant to this subsection, excluding the
7 use of injections other than to counteract an anaphylactic
8 reaction, and notwithstanding section 147.107, may without
9 charge supply any of the above pharmaceuticals to commence a
10 course of therapy.

11 b. Therapeutically certified optometrists may employ and,
12 notwithstanding section 147.107, supply therapeutic contact
13 lenses for the purpose of treatment of conditions of the human
14 eye and adnexa. For purposes of this paragraph, "therapeutic
15 contact lenses" means contact lenses that contain one or more
16 therapeutic pharmaceutical agents authorized for employment
17 by this section for the purpose of treatment of conditions of
18 the human eye and adnexa and that deliver such agents into the
19 wearer's eye.

20 c. Therapeutically certified optometrists may prescribe
21 oral steroids for a period not to exceed fourteen days
22 without consultation with a physician. Therapeutically
23 certified optometrists shall not prescribe oral Imuran or oral
24 Methotrexate.

25 d. Therapeutically certified optometrists may be authorized,
26 where reasonable and appropriate, by rule of the board, to
27 employ new diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents
28 approved by the United States food and drug administration on
29 or after July 1, 2002, for the diagnosis and treatment of the
30 human eye and adnexa.

31 e. The board shall not be required to adopt rules relating
32 to topical pharmaceutical agents, oral antimicrobial agents,
33 oral antihistamines, oral antiglaucoma agents, and oral
34 analgesic agents. Superficial foreign bodies may be removed
35 from the human eye and adnexa.

1 f. The therapeutic efforts of a therapeutically certified
2 optometrist are intended for the purpose of examination,
3 diagnosis, and treatment of visual defects, abnormal
4 conditions, and diseases of the human eye and adnexa, for
5 proper optometric practice or referral for consultation or
6 treatment to persons licensed under chapter 148.

7 g. A therapeutically certified optometrist is an optometrist
8 who is licensed to practice optometry in this state and who
9 is certified by the board to use the agents and procedures
10 authorized pursuant to this subsection.

11

EXPLANATION

12 Code section 154.1 authorizes therapeutically certified
13 optometrists to employ all diagnostic and therapeutic
14 pharmaceutical agents for the purpose of diagnosis and
15 treatment of conditions of the human eye and adnexa. This
16 bill allows therapeutically certified optometrists to also
17 supply therapeutic contact lenses for the purpose of treatment
18 of conditions of the human eye and adnexa. The bill defines
19 these lenses as contact lenses that contain one or more of the
20 authorized therapeutic pharmaceutical agents and that deliver
21 the agents into the wearer's eye.